

## 2016 ELECTIONS AND VOTER REGISTRATION CALENDAR

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### 2016 ELECTION EVENT DATES:

Elections	Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline
Presidential Preference Primary and Special Election	March 1, 2016	February 1, 2016
Special Runoff Date	March 29, 2016	February 1, 2016
General Primary Election, Nonpartisan General Election, and Special Runoff Election	May 24, 2016	April 26, 2016
General Primary Runoff, Nonpartisan General Runoff Election, and Special Runoff Election Date	July 26, 2016	April 26, 2016
General Election	November 8, 2016	October 11, 2016
General Election Runoff Date for Local and State Offices	December 6, 2016	October 11, 2016
General Election Runoff Date for Federal Offices	January 10, 2017	October 11, 2016

### 2016 KEY DATES:

<b>January 1, 2016</b>	Earliest day to file and publish a notice of intention to be a write-in candidate in the General Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (a)
<b>January 12, 2016</b>	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the March Presidential Preference Primary/Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384 (a)
<b>February 1, 2016</b>	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special

	<p>Election and March Special Election Runoff. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224 (a)</p> <p>Last day to fix and publish qualifying fees for offices to be filled during the 2016 Election Cycle. O.C.G.A § 21-2-131 (a)(1)(A)</p>
<b>February 8, 2016</b>	<p>Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (d)(1)</p>
<b>February 20, 2016</b>	<p>Mandatory Saturday Voting for the Presidential Preference Primary/March Special Election. O.C.G.A § 21-2-385 (d)(1)</p>
<b>March 7, 2016</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>	<p>Earliest day for a Political Party Candidate to file a Declaration of Candidacy to have his or her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153 (c)(1)</p> <p>Earliest day for a Non-Partisan Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his or her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132, 21-2-172, 21-2-187</p>
<b>March 11, 2016</b> <b>12:00 Noon</b>	<p>Last day for a Political Party Candidate to file a Declaration of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-153 (c)(1)</p> <p>Last day for a Non-Partisan Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Primary/Non-Partisan Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132, 21-2-172, 21-2-187</p>
<b>March 18, 2016</b>	<p>Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Non-Partisan Write-In Candidate. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (a)</p>

<b>March 23, 2016</b>	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Non-Partisan Write-In Candidate has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (b).
<b>April 5, 2016</b>	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/ Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384 (a)
<b>April 26, 2016</b>	Last day for a person to register and be eligible to vote in the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election and Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224 (a)*
<b>May 2, 2016</b>	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (d)(1)
<b>May 14, 2016</b>	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Election O.C.G.A § 21-2-385 (d)(1)
<b>June 27, 2016 9:00 AM</b>	Earliest day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132; 21-2-187
<b>July 1, 2016 12:00 Noon</b>	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body Candidate to file a Notice of Candidacy to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132;21-2-187
<b>July 5, 2016</b>	Advanced (Absentee In-Person) Voting begins for the General Primary/Non-Partisan/Special Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (d)(1)
<b>July 12, 2016</b>	Last day for an Independent or a Political Body

	Candidate to file their Nomination Petition to have his/her name placed on the General Election Ballot. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-132
<b>September 6, 2016</b>	Last day to file the notice of intention to be a write-in candidate and have notice published in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (a)
<b>September 12, 2016</b>	Last day to file affidavit stating the notice of intention to be a Write-In Candidate has been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 21-2-133 (b)
<b>September 20, 2016</b>	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Election/November Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384 (a)
<b>October 11, 2016</b>	Last day a person may register and be eligible to vote in the General Election/November Special Election /Runoff Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-224(a)*
<b>October 17, 2016</b>	Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election/November Special Election. O.C.G.A. §21-2-385 (d)(1)
<b>October 29, 2016</b>	Mandatory Saturday Voting for the General Election/November Special Election. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (d)(1)
<b>As soon as possible</b>	<p>Absentee ballots shall be mailed out as soon as possible prior to the General Election Runoff/November Special Election Runoff for Local and State Offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384 (a)</p> <p>Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election Runoff/November Special Election Runoff for Local and State Offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (d)(1)</p>

<b>November 22, 2016</b>	Earliest day for a registrar to mail an absentee ballot for the General Election Runoff of Federal Offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-384 (a)
<b>December 19, 2016</b>	Advanced (In-Person) Voting begins for the General Election Runoff for Federal Offices. O.C.G.A. § 21-2-385 (d)(1)

*\* O.C.G.A. § 21-2-14. When the last day for the exercise of any privilege or the discharge of any duty prescribed or required by this chapter shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the next succeeding business day shall be the last day for the exercise of such privilege or the discharge of such duty.*